

Order of Service

St. James United Church

10:30 am, SUNDAY, October 18, 2026

Pentecost 21
World Food Sunday

Welcome!

We are glad you have joined us in worship.
May you feel the warmth of God's presence.

Our Mission:

To live God's love through our actions: Seek, Serve, Challenge.

GATHERING

Bold indicates words said by All

❖ Indicates when one may stand in body or spirit

PRELUDE

Beach Spring
arranged by William A. McNair

Adrian Marchuk - organ

GATHERING SONG

Seek Ye First the Kingdom

VU 356

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mhairi Godley

MISSION & SERVICE MOMENT

Eileen McAuley

CALL TO WORSHIP

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

OPENING PRAYER

❖ GATHERING HYMN

Let Us Build a House

MV 1

PASSING OF THE PEACE

All I Really Need (Raffi Cavoukian)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG

PRAYER OF JESUS (SAID)

CHILDREN'S RECESSIONAL

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

VU 575 v.1

ANTHEM

Without Love
words and music by Lee Dengler

Senior Choir

*This Anthem has been donated to the Chancel Choir
in Loving Memory of Bill & Marie McCullough by Their Children (Siegrists)*

DISCERNING

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:15-22

Mhairi Godley

FAITH TALK

"Balancing Acts"

Rev. Richard C. Choe

RESPONDING

❖HYMN OF RESPONSE

When a Poor One
(*Cuando el Pobre*)

VU 702
Soloist: Gabe Vaillant

CALL FOR OFFERING

SONG OF THANKS

Is It Lawful to Pay Taxes
lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Kit Cooney, Astrid Atherly,
Gabe Vaillant

❖OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

❖OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

VU 400

❖CLOSING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

VU 633

SCATTERING

❖BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

❖SUNG BENEDICTION

Prayer Of Dedication

POSTLUDE

Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Adrian Marchuk - organ

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Giving leadership in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Richard C. Choe

Presider: Mhairi Godley

Music Director: Adrian Marchuk

St. James Senior Choir

Section Leads/Soloists: Astrid Atherly, Kit Cooney, Gabe Vaillant

Reader: Mhairi Godley

Sunday School Director: Karen Forgrave

Tech Support: David DeCarolis, Mary Paras

Greeter: Allister Graham

Ushers: Randy Wilson (Captain), Allister Graham, Jim Cormier, Nancy Cormier

Hospitality: Jennifer Gray (L), Jean Spencer, Elizabeth Leigh, Nila Hazarika

NEXT SERVICES:

Sunday, October 25, 2026, 10:30 AM – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost.
Peace Sunday. Reformation Sunday.

Sunday, November 1, 2026, 10:30 AM – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints Day.

Sunday, November 8, 2026, 10:30 AM – 24th Sunday after Pentecost. Remembrance Sunday.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each week, the Shining Waters Regional Council asks that we pray for each other's congregations in support of our ministries: Central United Church, Toronto; Seabreeze United Church, Dwight; Utterson United Church, Port Sydney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Bob and Eleanor Harris on their 50th Wedding Anniversary which they celebrated on Friday, October 16th. Our best wishes to them!

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Book Club: As a preliminary step in becoming an Affirming Church, Worship and Music will host a book study on *The Bible and Homosexuality for Progressive Christians* by Donald Schmidt. The book club will be held via Zoom beginning Monday, October 19th from 7-9 pm. If anyone who signed up did not receive the Zoom link, please contact Matty in the office.

Outreach Offering: Indspire is a national Indigenous registered charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people for the long term benefit of these individuals, their families and communities, and Canada. Following in the spirit of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, St James chose this organization for our October outreach offering. More information can be found at <https://indspire.ca/>

OVER THE RAINBOW: THE HAROLD ARLEN STORY

Created and performed by Adrian Marchuk, with Evangelia Kambites

Musical Direction and arrangements by Mark Camilleri

OCT 22 - 7:30 pm, Leah Posluns Theatre, Toronto

Step behind the curtain and discover the celebrated music of Harold Arlen in Over the Rainbow: The Harold Arlen Story. This nostalgic musical journey celebrates the man behind some of the most beloved songs of the 20th century, including Stormy Weather, Get Happy, Paper Moon, The Man That Got Away, If I Only Had a Brain, Come Rain or Come Shine, Let's Fall in Love, One for My Baby, and, of course, the timeless classic Over the Rainbow. USE promo code BROADWAY20 for 20% off tickets! Go to leahposlunstheatre.com for tickets NOW!

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Auction Tickets are on sale TODAY after church! \$40 per adult for a delicious catered dinner by Blazing Kitchen and the live and silent auction on Nov. 14th! Please invite your friends and family to attend - this is a major fundraiser for St. James! When you ask local businesses for their support in the form of gift certificates or experience packages, please send an email to karen_forgrave@hotmail.com so that we can track donation requests! Thank you!

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Family Games Night: Friday, October 23rd from 7-9 pm!

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News from the Pews November deadline: October 25, or earlier!

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Our next Euchre date is: Tuesday, October 27 at 1:30 pm. Cost is \$5. All are welcome.

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October 26th is election day, and advance polls are already open. Please vote for the candidates most likely to encourage and support social and ecological justice issues!

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Bulletin Announcements: If anyone has any announcements they'd like included in the Sunday Bulletin, please email Clare: clareatstjames@outlook.com

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Fall Yoga: Wednesdays from 11 am till 12 noon in the Lounge. Bring a new friend to Yoga and save \$5 off the first class for you and your friend! Cost is \$25 per class for drop in. You can pay in the office before your first class, or by e-transfer to karen_forgrave@hotmail.com

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The fall Saturday morning yoga session continues at 10 am in the Lounge. Pay by e-transfer to joy.wil31@gmail.com or cheque/cash at the first class. Alternatively, you can choose to pay as you go, \$25 per class. This restorative gentle yoga class is ideal for participants of all levels who want to increase strength, flexibility and balance.

For further information, please contact Joyce Wilson at joy.wil31@gmail.com

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We are pleased to announce that hands on Reiki is available by donation on Monday afternoons from 1-3 pm, as well as Tuesday nights at 7 pm. Sign-up sheets are in the binder in the Well-Being waiting room or call the office at 416-622-4113 and book with our office.

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